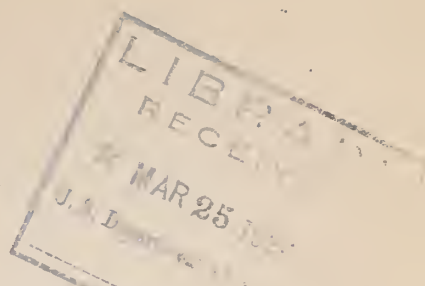


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AMERICAN APPLES POPULAR IN SWANSEA

The sale of imported apples during the season in the Swansea, Wales, district (population 160,000) is estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 barrels weekly, in an ordinary year, according to a report received in the Department of Agriculture from American Consul A. B. Cooke. Eighty per cent of the imports come from the United States and Canada sends the remaining 20 per cent, the New Zealand and Australian trade being practically negligible in that district. Imported apples represent over half the total supply.

American apples reach the Swansea market from mid-September to March in both barrels and boxes. Canada sends barreled stock only. English apples are plentiful during September and October, but are unimportant thereafter. They are largely of the culinary type and are shipped in barrels or baskets. Favorite American varieties are Baldwin, Ben Davis, Jonathan, King David, Gravenstein, Newtown, Winesap, and York Imperial. Local dealers state that the American apple is highly satisfactory to the trade. It is well grown and graded, and usually comes well packed and in excellent condition. Virginia apples were especially in favor this season, up to the time of the Consul's report at the end of September.

Local supplies of imported apples are obtained through the auctions at Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, London and Southampton, with Liverpool and Cardiff supplying the bulk. In buying at Cardiff, local dealers go to the auction floor and bid direct, but in dealing with Liverpool, local dealers buy through Liverpool brokers or jobbers, since Liverpool auction rooms are closed to all except members of the Liverpool Association. Supplies reach Swansea from Liverpool by boat in 36 hours, while there is a 45 mile rail haul in bringing supplies from Cardiff.

